

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A removable stent comprising:  
a plurality of annular segments arranged axially successively and interconnected to form with a tubular support frame; (2) consisting of axially successively following, interconnected annular segments (3, 4, 5), which support frame (2) is surrounded on its outside by  
one or more deflection elements coupled to at least one of the plurality of annular segments and positioned on a circumference of the tubular support frame;  
a thread (11), at least partially encircling the tubular support frame outside of the circumference of the tubular support frame, the thread having a first end and second end that characterized in that the thread ends (12, 13) are each guided by one of the one or more deflection elements via a deflection (14) from the outside of the tubular support frame into a position inside the tubular support frame;(2),  
where they are coupled by a connector (17) positioned inside the tubular support frame to securely couple together the first and second thread ends, wherein displacement of the connector relative to the stent along a longitudinal axis of the stent results in contraction of at least two of the plurality of annular segments.
  
2. (Currently amended) The stent according to claim 1, wherein the first and second ends of the thread are guided by the same deflection element characterized in that the deflection (14) is realized at least one deflection element (15, 16; 19, 20; 22, 23; 26, 27) provided on an annular segment (3, 4).

3. (Currently amended) The stent according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the first end of the thread is guided by a first of the one or more deflection elements and the second end of the thread is guided by a second of the one or more deflection elements, wherein the first deflection element and second deflection element are positioned at characterized in that the deflection (14) is formed by two deflection elements (15, 16; 19, 20; 22, 23; 26, 27) arranged on the circumference of the support frame (2) with an interval (A) from one another.

4. (Currently amended) The stent according to ~~one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 3, wherein the characterized in that the deflection (14) is one or more deflection elements are provided on the an end-side annular segment (3), viewed in the direction of the longitudinal axis (L) of the stent.

5. (Currently amended) The stent according to ~~one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 4, characterized in that wherein the one or more deflection elements are positioned (14) is arranged on the an inner side, facing the middle of the stent, of the annular segment (3).

6. (Currently amended) The stent according to ~~one of~~ claim[[s]] 3 1 to 4, characterized in that the deflection (14) is formed by two deflection elements (19, 20; 22, 23) of which a wherein the first deflection element (19, 22) is arranged on the inner side, facing the middle of the stent, of an annular segment (3) and that the

second deflection element {20, 23} is arranged on the outer side of the annular segment {3}.

7. (Currently amended) The stent according to ~~one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 3, characterized in that the deflection {14} is formed by two deflection elements {26, 27} of which a wherein the first deflection element {26} is provided on the an end-side annular segment {3}, viewed in the direction of the longitudinal axis {L} of the stent, and a the second deflection element {27} is provided on the an adjacent annular segment {4}.

8. (Currently amended) The stent according to ~~one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 7, characterized in that wherein the connector {17} consists of comprises a material visible in x-rays.

9. (Currently amended) The stent according to ~~one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 8, characterized in that further comprising additional guide elements {28} are provided in coupled to the tubular support frame {2}.

10. (Currently amended) The stent according to ~~one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 9, characterized in that wherein the plurality of annular segments {3, 4, 5} are formed by struts {6, 7} that follow one another in an endless, corrugated manner, and wherein that adjacent annular segments {3, 4, 9} are coupled by connector struts {8, 8'}.

11. (Currently amended) The stent according to ~~one of~~ claim[[s]] 1-to-10,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein each connector strut (8, 8') comprises a longitudinal  
section (9) running substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis (L) of the stent and  
comprises a strut section (10) aligned transversely to the connector strut latter and  
configured in one of a U shape or and a V shape.